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Markers and Identifying Features

1. The 2nd declension is mostly* masculine and neuter in gender.
2. Its thematic vowel is -o
3. Its genitive ending is -i
4. The nominative forms of masculine nouns can end in:
-us, -er, or -ir. There are 3 different ways to decline:

1. Ex. colonus, -i, m. - farmer

Case	Singular	Plural
Nominative	<u>colonus</u>	<u>coloni</u>
Genitive	<u>coloni</u>	<u>colonerum</u>
Dative	<u>colono</u>	<u>colonis</u>
Accusative	<u>colonum</u>	<u>colones</u>
Ablative	<u>colono</u>	<u>colonis</u>

*This is The standard and most common way of declining masculine nouns of The 2nd declension